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In response to the pending final action in this case, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Notice Allowance indicating that the present application is in condition for allowance. No extensions of time or other fees are believed to be due for consideration of this paper, but if any fees are deemed to be necessary, please provide such extensions and charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include issue fees.

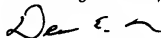
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